

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached two (2) sheets of drawings include changed to Figs. 1 and 2A-2C. These sheets replace the original sheets 1/2 and 2/2. In all Figures, the previously omitted element 18 and reference numeral 20 have been added.

Attachments: Two (2) Replacement Sheets
Two (2) Annotated Sheets Showing Changes

REMARKS

The abstract of the disclosure is hereby amended to correct the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Detailed Action.

The drawings are hereby corrected to correct the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner in paragraph 4 of the Detailed Action. The corrected drawing sheets filed herewith now depict the A-pillars 18. Applicant believes this addition does not add any new matter to the disclosure since the A-pillars were fully described in the originally-filed specification, and A-pillars are a conventional feature of automotive vehicle structure as is well known to those of skill in the art. Reference numeral 20 is also added to the corrected drawing sheets to indicate the vehicle as described in the specification and recited in the claims.

Claims 1-7 which were directed to a pedal arrangement are hereby cancelled.

Claim 8 is amended to recite the limitations previously contained in the now-cancelled claim 10. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claim 10 on the grounds that the Tomono reference does not teach a beam structure extending between two A-pillars positioned adjacent opposite sides of said vehicle. As seen in Fig. 2 of Tomono, pedal lever stop 5b is supported at its opposite ends by second bracket 5. Second bracket 5 is, in turn, attached by bolts 6 to cowl 7. (See Fig. 1 and col. 5, ln. 12-14). Neither second bracket 5 nor cowl 7 is an A-pillar as defined in the specification and as this term is known in the art of vehicle structural design. Claim 8 as now amended is of the same scope as the main claim in the related patent applications allowed in the Great Britain, German, and Swedish Patent Offices. Reconsideration of this rejection is therefore requested.

Claim 11 is amended for clarity.

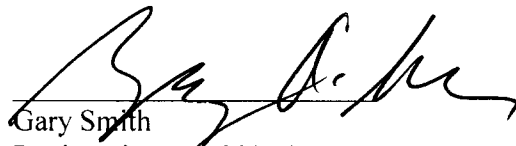
Claim 12 is amended to overcome the Examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 stated in paragraphs 5 and 7 of the Detailed Action.

Claim 13 is added and is believed to be allowable as it is dependent on now-allowable claim 8.

Based on the foregoing comments, the above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such allowance is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the number listed below.

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